

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for identifying, categorizing, and sharing preferred web site links over a
2 communications network via a web key tool, comprising:
3 receiving a request from a user client system to incorporate information relating to a
4 web site into said web key tool;
5 launching said web key tool;
6 selecting an option on a menu screen's list of options provided by said web key tool,
7 wherein said option relates to said request to incorporate said information;
8 associating said information with a category;
9 transmitting said information to a central storage location associated with said web key
10 tool, wherein said information is processed;
11 saving approved information in said central storage location;
12 updating related database files with respect to said approved information; and
13 providing access to said approved information via said communications network to
14 authorized system users.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said information relating to a web site includes:
2 a universal resource locator for said web site;
3 a description of said web site;
4 a web address of said web site; and
5 a hypertext transfer protocol link.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said associating said information with a category
2 includes:
3 selecting a category from a list of pre-established categories provided by said web key
4 tool; and
5 creating a new category where no suitable category from said list of categories is found.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said approved
2 information is accessible to said authorized system users via a web page.

1 5. A storage medium encoded with machine-readable program code for identifying,
2 categorizing, and sharing preferred web site links over a communications network via a web
3 key tool, the storage medium including instructions for causing said a computer to implement a
4 method, comprising:
5 receiving a request from a user client system to incorporate information relating to a
6 web site into said web key tool;
7 launching said web key tool;
8 selecting an option on a menu screen's list of options provided by said web key tool,
9 wherein said option relates to said request to incorporate said information;
10 associating said information with a category;
11 transmitting said information to a central storage location associated with said web key
12 tool, wherein said information is processed;
13 saving approved information in said central storage location;
14 updating related database files with respect to said approved information; and
15 providing access to said approved information via said communications network to
16 authorized system users.

1 6. The storage medium of claim 5, wherein said information relating to a web site
2 includes:

- 3 a universal resource locator for said web site;
4 a description of said web site;
5 a web address of said web site; and
6 a hypertext transfer protocol link.

1 7. The storage medium of claim 5, wherein said associating said information with a
2 category includes:

- 3 selecting a category from a list of pre-established categories provided by said web key
4 tool; and
5 creating a new category where no suitable category from said list of categories is found.

1 8. The storage medium of claim 5, wherein said approved information is accessible to
2 said authorized system users via a web page.

1 9. A system for identifying, categorizing, and sharing preferred web site links over a
2 communications network via a web key tool, comprising:
3 an organization, comprising:
4 a server;
5 a client;
6 a data storage device for providing a centralized storage location for said
7 preferred web site links;
8 a network link for allowing said server, said client, and said data storage device
9 to communicate with each other; and
10 a link to a second server, wherein said second server provides a source for said
11 preferred web site links.

1 10. The system of claim 9, further comprising an administrative client for:
2 controlling access to said data storage device; and
3 managing operations provided by said web key tool.

1 11. The system of claim 9, wherein said client system is executing a web browser
2 software program.

1 12. The system of claim 9, wherein said web key tool is executed by said organization.